

## MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Feb. 15, 1893.Gentlemen of the House of Representatives,  
Twenty-third Legislature of Texas:

Herewith I return to your honorable body House bill No. 328, passed for the purpose of creating the Fifty-fifth judicial district, to be composed of Grayson and Collin counties, received in the Executive Office on the 6th day of this month.

I feel it my duty to disapprove this bill, and most courteously assign my reasons therefor:

There can be no question that the overcrowded civil and criminal dockets of Grayson county indicate the necessity of relief there; while in Collin county no relief is necessary or seriously demanded. The creation, therefore, of an additional district, while giving relief to Grayson county, imposes as a consequence unnecessary burdens upon the people of Collin and the State at large.

If your honorable body will investigate the condition of the Fourth, the Seventh, and the Eighth judicial districts, lying east of Collin county, it will appear possible that by attaching Gregg county to the Fourth judicial district, Rains county to the Seventh judicial district, and Collin county to the Eighth judicial district, and making Grayson county a separate judicial district, all the relief demanded can be properly granted without the expense that becomes necessary in establishing this new district. By all means, the people of the counties where the dockets are crowded so as to delay trials and obstruct justice should be afforded relief from their unfortunate condition. When this can be done without increasing the already excessive number of districts, it will appear quite consistent with good economy and sound public policy. The inequality of work in the districts of the State, showing that while some of the judges have but little, others have a great deal of work to do, demonstrates that the creation of new judicial districts in most instances can be avoided by detaching a county here and there from overcrowded districts and adding them to those less incumbered.

It is with much regret that I feel impelled from a sense of public duty to do anything that would appear to deny any people demanding it relief from their crowded docket; and it is trusted that at the present session the

Legislature may find it convenient and consistent with public policy to afford all the relief demanded or necessary by adding Collin to some other judicial district and making a separate district out of Grayson county.

Respectfully,

J. S. HOGG,  
Governor of Texas.